

ARE ALWAYS CHARITABLE.

The Brewers Give Freely to Churches and
Get Hit in Return.

On behalf of the Milwaukee Brewers' Association George Obermann, the well-known brewer, denies any interference in the relations of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Young Men's Christian Association.

"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union ladies are exercising themselves unnecessarily," said Mr. Obermann to a reporter. "In regard," said he, "to the brewers' contribution to the Young Men's Christian Association building, it was no more than it has done to churches and other public institutions. We contributed to that as we would and did to the Advancement Association—anything that will benefit the interests of Milwaukee. It is only a part of the liberality and charity always exhibited by the brewers. The Young Men's Christian Association came to us and said that they were erecting a building which would do a great deal of good in the community, which it is doing, no doubt. We appreciate this, and out of our abundance we contributed to its success. We had no further ulterior motive."

"Was it through any suggestion from your organization that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was excluded from the building?"

"Certainly not. We did not know it was meeting there, much less urge its expulsion. I know for a fact that the brewers have had nothing to do with the conduct or management of the Young Men's Christian Association since they contributed toward its building. There is not a doubt but we would do the same thing for the ladies that we did for the young men if the occasion offered. There is not a little struggling church that needs an organ but comes to us to aid them, and we gladly do it. The Pabst and Schlitz Brewing Companies were called upon, I think, for special contributions, but I am satisfied that neither of the concerns would attempt to dictate the policy of the association. I imagine the ladies were too hasty in their denunciations."

Dr. C. W. DULLES, of Philadelphia, has done a public service for which he deserves thanks. A few weeks ago a harrowing dispatch was sent from a Western town telling how a young girl had been buried alive, every one supposing her to be dead. Dr. Dulles took the trouble to write to responsible people in the town named, and learned that there was not a word of truth in the story. More recently another similar story was sent from Springfield, Ohio, and the doctor investigated that also. It proved to be a lie like the other. The probabilities are that every such story would prove to be equally devoid of fact if it was investigated. And the same might be said of the stories about snakes in people's stomachs.

A DISPATCH from Berlin states that in the stomach of a shark, which was recently dissected in that city, were found a dolphin weighing 120 pounds, forty-three fish, a decomposed seal, a human arm, and four human legs. With what earnestness that shark must have been accustomed to put up the petition: May good digestion wait upon appetite. Reading between the lines of the dispatch, we seem to gather that it was dyspepsia that carried him off.

THE doctors of Brooklyn have followed the lead of their brethren of Jersey City and established a Physician's Protective Alliance. The society has grown until it now numbers 400 members. The bills turned in during the first month by the members aggregated \$82,000, and two black lists have been printed, in which are the names and addresses of 1,440 residents of Brooklyn who are in arrears for their medical attendance.

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"What in thunder is Press Clippings?" exclaimed a prominent editor from Cincinnati, who was visiting Chicago, to a Herald reporter yesterday. "I have tried everywhere to get a copy of the Cincinnati Enquirer, and am met everywhere with the reply 'we cannot supply you with it as our contract with the Press Clipping Bureau calls for all our exchange.'"

A Herald reporter was detailed to go with the editor to Room 10, Times Building, where the Bureau of Press Clippings occupies a suite of five rooms.

Mr. Frank A. Burrelle, the Manager, was found, and asked to explain what in mischief he meant by using all the thousands of exchanges that come to Chicago every day, and what his system meant anyway. He was perfectly willing to give the information.

As his information was in the nature of a huge surprise to all, and as it shows just what a genius for starting new and much needed enterprises is found in Chicago, it is given in full.

"Just look in there," said Mr. Burrelle, showing us into a large hall where a number of ladies were at work with scissors, blue pencils and paste pots, clipping and mounting items from the papers before them. And such a pile of paper! The floor was literally covered with papers in all stages of clipped delapidation for the depth of two or three feet.

"How is that for an exchange editor's room?" asked Mr. Burrelle. "No three newspapers in the world ever had such a huge list of exchanges at one time. They are from all quarters of the globe and range from the large magazines and dailies down to the patent inside. These are all carefully read and such items as are designated of interest to clients are clipped and mounted on slips, showing name of paper, date and where published and then the items are classified and sent to clients."

"Now we edit all these," said Mr. Burrelle, "same as is done by the daily papers, only more carefully. We handle over 75,000 items per month."

"Our name, Press Clippings, explains itself and our scheme is simple enough. We furnish prominent men and women with what the press of the country may say about them or their movements, and data on any subject they may be specially interested in."

"For example, Here is a collection of all comment by the press of the country relative to the life and death of Jefferson Davis. That pile represents over 2,000 items, which could not possibly have been accumulated by any one individual."

"In addition to this work we run what we call our Information Department. To this department go all clippings relative to all manner of construction, and the items are sorted out under the following heads: Municipal Bonds, Electricity, Bridges, Paving, Grading and Macadamizing, Sewers and Waterworks, Street Railways, New Railroads and Extensions, Large Buildings, Small Buildings, Schools and Churches, Mills and Factories, Theatres and Hotels, Bank Buildings and Organizations, Fire Hose and Apparatus, Incorporations, Awards of Contracts, Plans Wanted and Coming Events."

"We issue a typewritten sheet each day under each and every one of those heads and these sheets go to the clients interested in the different subjects enumerated. They are in the nature of 'pointers' and are invaluable to contractors and supply houses seeking business."

"We do not press clippings on Press Clippings as you will see by this blank, on which is enumerated every conceivable thing that goes into the construction of a building."

"These blanks go to all persons mentioned in sheets as about to build, with request for verification and specifications, and are also in the hands of a large number of architects in the different parts of the country, who are under contract with us to furnish specifications of plans drawn by them or that come under their notice, and these specifications as received are incorporated into our reports."

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"In addition to our reading here, we have a reading office in Boston, where all New England is covered and the result of each day's work is reported daily to our New York office. At the latter office all the Middle and southern Coast State papers are read and reports covering the Territory of the two offices are made at New York City."

"A complete system of exchange is made between here and New York by express daily, so that any Western customer wishing for the Eastern Reports can get them from here each day and vice versa."

"So, you see, Press Clippings is a huge concern. It not only uses up all the exchanges in Chicago, but you will find as much difficulty in finding any given paper in New York or Boston as outside of the exchanges obtained from the different papers we also receive a mail larger than any one office in Chicago."

"I can assure you that no matter of value or interest to our customers is ever overlooked."

"If oh, yes, we will clip for you certainly," and the Herald reporter left, as the Cincinnati man subscribed for the scheme."

A HARTFORD, Van Buren County, Mich., man, who went West some years ago, got into trouble and the California penitentiary at the same time, and to save his family the disgrace caused somebody to write to Michigan that he had been shot and scalped by Indians. This would have made it all right if he had stayed dead, but a few days ago, while his widow was getting her trousseau ready to marry a decent man, the villain spoiled everything by getting out of prison and writing home to ask for his family.

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